



GEORGIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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Board Policies

I. Practice of Optometry

Excerpt from O.C.G.A. § 43-30-1(2)(A) Definitions:

"The practice of optometry further consists of the correction of visual anomalies through the prescribing, employment, and use of lenses, prisms, frames, mountings, contact lenses, orthoptic exercises, and visual training, light frequencies, and any other means or methods for the relief, correction, or remedy of any insufficiencies or abnormal conditions of the human visual organism, other than surgery."

Policy Statement:

1. Medicated contact lens (i.e. ProKera Rings) are within the scope of Optometric practice in Georgia based on the Practice of Optometry definition in Georgia law AS WELL AS law passed in 2013 defining administration of pharmaceuticals. These are used for the treatment of the cornea.
2. Debridement of corneal Epithelium is within the scope of practice of optometry because the procedure is for the correction of certain corneal conditions and is not considered surgery.
3. Removal of corneal sutures is within the scope of practice of optometry because the procedure is not considered surgery.

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